

**FEBRUARY 11, 2015 5:30 P.M.**  
**JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**JONES COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – COMMISSIONERS’ ROOM**  
**MINUTES**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Chairperson  
Joseph Wiggins, Vice-Chairman  
Frank Emory, Commissioner  
Zack Koonce, Commissioner  
Mike Haddock, Commissioner

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Franky J. Howard, County Manager

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

**1. DSS BOARD COMPENSATION**

Mr. Franky Howard informed the Board Jack Jones, Interim DSS Director, suggested adjustments to the DSS Board compensation rate. Currently, the County pays the DSS Board twenty-five dollars a meeting and mileage. This rate was set by the NCGS over twenty-five years ago. We have had retention issues with the DSS Board. We are currently recruiting new members. Jack recommended increasing the compensation rate to one hundred fifty dollars for the chairperson and one hundred dollars for other members each meeting. The Board would like additional information on other county’s compensation rates for the DSS Board. It was noted if the County adjusts the compensation for this Board it would have to consider compensation rates of other Boards such as the Health Board. It was determined this item will not be placed on the agenda until additional information is obtained.

**2. DSS RANGE REVISION**

Mr. Franky Howard advised the Board, Jack Jones Interim DSS Director, presented County Administration with a recommendation to increase the range for the Income Maintenance Occupational Group. It was explained this is needed to bring this division up and equal to the Child Support Occupational Group. The increase would make it easier to transition employees within the two groups. The range increase will assist in retaining employees within this group. The County cost of this revision will be \$13,245.00. This cost will be absorbed by other personnel measures taking place in DSS such as freezing vacancies and eliminating positions. Everyone was in agreement for the County Manager and DSS Director to move forward with this revision. Once in place the County Pay plan will be updated and resubmitted to the State.

**3. HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT, OLDER ADULTS FUNDING PLAN**

Mr. Franky Howard presented the Board with a request that the Jones County Board of Commissioners change the lead agency for the Home Community Care Block Grant to Jones County Department of Social Services. Currently, it is the Jones County Finance Office with assistance from Jones County Cooperative Extension. Transitioning this to Department of Social Services will provide better oversight on the funding and ensure the Older Adults of

Jones County receive the best possible service. This item will be added to the agenda for February 16, 2015.

The following items were also discussed and will be agenda items for February 16, 2015.

Tax Refunds

Tax Collection Report

Register of Deeds Capital Request

Latest Budget Amendments

The meeting ADJOURNED at 8:00 p.m.

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Sondra Ipock-Riggs  
Chairman

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Franky Howard  
Acting Clerk to the Board